## 2006 UNIFORM ELECTION DATES



## TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION 2006 FILING SCHEDULE FOR REPORTS DUE IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTIONS HELD ON UNIFORM ELECTION DATES

This is a filing schedule for reports to be filed in connection with elections held on uniform election dates in May and November. Examples of elections held on uniform election dates are elections for school board positions and city offices. The uniform election dates in 2006 are May 13 and November 7.

Candidates and officeholders must file semiannual reports (due on January 17, 2006, and July 17, 2006). In addition, a candidate who has an opponent on the ballot in an election held on a uniform election date must file two pre-election reports (unless the candidate has elected modified reporting).

The campaign treasurer of a political committee that is involved in an election held on a uniform election date must also file pre-election reports (unless the committee is a general-purpose political committee that files monthly or a specific-purpose political committee that files on the modified reporting schedule). This schedule sets out the due dates for pre-election reports in connection with elections on uniform election dates. Please consult the 2006 REGULAR FILING SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL-PURPOSE POLITICAL COMMITTEES AND SPECIFIC-PURPOSE POLITICAL COMMITTEES for a complete listing of political committee deadlines.

Candidates for and officeholders in local offices regularly filled at the general election for state and county officers (the November election in even-numbered years) should use the 2006 FILING SCHEDULE FOR CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OR ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR.

## EXPLANATION OF THE FILING SCHEDULE CHART

<u>COLUMN I: REPORT DUE DATE</u> - This is the date by which the report must be filed. The deadline for filing a report is 5 p.m. on the due date. If the due date for a report falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the report is due on the next regular business day. This schedule shows the extended deadline, where applicable.

A report transmitted to the Texas Ethics Commission by modem or Internet is considered timely filed if it is transmitted by the filing deadline. Other reports are considered timely filed if they are hand-delivered to the filing authority or deposited with the U.S. Post Office or a common or contract carrier properly addressed with postage and handling charges prepaid by the filing deadline.

<u>COLUMN II: TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)</u> - This column gives the report type and explains which reporting form to use and which filers are required to file the report.

<u>COLUMN III: BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED</u> - This column sets out the beginning date of the time period covered by the report. Use the latest one of the applicable dates. The "date of campaign treasurer appointment" is the beginning date only for the *first* report filed after filing a campaign treasurer appointment. For officeholders recently appointed to an elective office, the beginning date for the first report will be the date the officeholder took office, provided that he or she was not already filing as an officeholder or candidate at the time of the appointment.

*NOTE:* If you are ever confused about the beginning date for a required report, remember this rule: **There should never be gaps between reporting periods and, generally, there should not be overlaps.** 

<u>COLUMN IV: ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED</u> - This column sets out the ending date of the time period covered by the report. The report must include reportable activity occurring on the ending date.

Please consult the CAMPAIGN FINANCE GUIDE FOR CANDIDATES AND OFFICEHOLDERS WHO FILE WITH LOCAL FILING AUTHORITIES for further information.

<u>COLUMN I</u>	<u>COLUMN II</u>	COLUMN III	<u>COLUMN IV</u>
DUE DATE	TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)	BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED	ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED
Tuesday, January 17, 2006  Deadline is extended because of weekend and holiday.	January semiannual report  [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates and officeholders, except for officeholders who do not have a campaign treasurer appointment on file and who do not exceed \$500 in contributions or expenditures for the reporting period)  [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs)  [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs)	the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended.	December 31, 2005
Tuesday, January 17, 2006  Deadline is extended because of weekend and holiday.	Annual report of unexpended contributions  [FORM C/OH-UC] (former candidates and former officeholders who have filed a final report and who retained unexpended contributions)	January 1, 2005, <u>or</u> the day after the date the final report was filed.	December 31, 2005
Thursday, April 13, 2006	30th day before the May 13, 2006, election  [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the May 13 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule)  [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the May 13 election)  [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the May 13 election and that do not file on the modified reporting schedule)	the date of campaign treasurer appointment, or the day after the date the last report ended.	April 3, 2006

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DUE DATE	TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)	BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED	ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED
F	REPORTS DUE BEFORE THE MAY 13, 2	2006, UNIFORM ELECTIO	N
Friday, May 5, 2006	[FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the May 13 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule)  [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report" or that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the May 13 election)  [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report" or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the May 13 election and that do not file on the modified reporting schedule)	April 4, 2006, <u>or</u> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended.	May 3, 2006
Monday, July 17, 2006  Deadline is extended because of weekend.	July semiannual  [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates and officeholders, except for officeholders who do not have a campaign treasurer appointment on file and who do not exceed \$500 in contributions or expenditures for the reporting period)  [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs)  [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs)  [FORM CEC] (all CECs)	January 1, 2006, <u>or</u> the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <u>or</u> the day after the date the last report ended.	June 30, 2006

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DUE DATE	TYPE OF REPORT (WHO FILES)	BEGINNING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED	ENDING DATE OF PERIOD COVERED
REP	ORTS DUE BEFORE THE NOVEMBER	7, 2006, UNIFORM ELECT	TION
Tuesday, October 10, 2006	30th day before the November 7, 2006, election	the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <u>or</u>	September 28, 2006
Deadline is extended because of weekend and holiday.	[FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the November 7 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule)  [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the November 7 election)  [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the November 7 election and that do not file on the modified reporting schedule)	the day after the date the last report ended.	
Monday, October 30, 2006	8th day before the November 7, 2006, election  [FORM C/OH] (all local candidates who have an opponent on the ballot in the November 7 election and who do not file on the modified reporting schedule)  [FORM GPAC] (all GPACs that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report" or that accepted political contributions or made political expenditures in connection with the November 7 election)  [FORM SPAC] (all SPACs that filed a "30th Day Before Election Report" or that supported or opposed an opposed candidate or a measure in the November 7 election and that do not file on the modified reporting schedule)	the date of campaign treasurer appointment, or the day after the date the last report ended.	October 28, 2006

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Tuesday,	January semiannual	July 1, 2006 <u>or</u>	December 31, 2006
Deadline is extended because of holiday.	FORM C/OH]  (all local candidates and officeholders, except for officeholders who do not have a campaign treasurer appointment on file and who do not exceed \$500 in contributions or expenditures for the reporting period)  FORM GPAC]  (all GPACs)  [FORM SPAC]  (all SPACs)	the date of campaign treasurer appointment, <i>or</i> the day after the date the last report ended.	December 31, 2000
Tuesday, January 16, 2007  Deadline is extended because of holiday.	Annual report of unexpended contributions  [FORM C/OH-UC] (former candidates and former officeholders who have filed a final report and who retained unexpended contributions)	January 1, 2006, <u>or</u> the day after the date the final report was filed.	December 31, 2006